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December 31 was a special day for Wendy Ehlers. She retired officially from the Clearbrook Post Office. After her 31 1/2 years of postal service in Bemidji, Cass Lake and Clearbrook she is finally able to relax. She will spend more time with her husband Dave. The cake had Congratulations Wendy Ehlers, Signed, Sealed, Delivered to Retirement, USA. Photo by Peggy Aarlaud



County Officials (new) caption - New County officials took the oath of office during the Board of Commissioners meeting on January 7. (Left to Right) Commissioner Bruce Emmel (District 4), Commissioner Bryan Ramsrud (District 2) and Supervisor Ken Christenson (Soil and Water District 2) were sworn in.

New County Officials sworn in Chairman and Vice-Chair elected

By Darin Steindl
Farmers Independent

On January 7, 2025, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met with all commissioners in attendance. The first order of business was to swear in the new county officials that were elected in November. The agenda for the meeting and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Then nominations were accepted to bill the positions of board chair and vice chair. Commissioner Stuart Dukek was elected as board chairman and Commissioner Mark Titera was elected vice-chair for a one-year term.

Stuart Lien, IT Director, had annual purchases to be reviewed and approved.

- Commissioner Bruce Emmel made a motion to authorize the IT Director to purchase the 2025 General Government computer & software maintenance, upgrades and support agreements not to exceed \$231,212.00 from the IT Department Computer Expense Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mark Larson made a motion to authorize the IT Director to purchase the 2025 computer replacements and technology upgrades for General Government not to

exceed \$74,415.00 from the IT Department General Equipment Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan Ramsrud. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Ramsrud made a motion to authorize the IT Director to purchase the 2025 contract with Morris Electronics for network technical support at a cost of \$7,491.20 from the IT Department Professional Services Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. During discussion, Lien explained that by pre-purchasing this block of support time, it is cheaper than paying for individual support tickets. The motion carried.
- Commissioner Emmel made a motion to authorize the IT Director to purchase the 2025 contract with Redstone Technologies for AS400 Technical Support at the cost of \$2,250.00 from the IT Department Professional Services Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. The motion carried.
- Allen Paulson, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitted bills to be paid and other annual business items to be approved.
- Commissioner Titera made a motion to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices totaling

\$539,623.16 from the County Revenue Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dukek. The motion carried.

- Commissioner Larson made a motion to approve the 2025 Ditch Fund Budget with total revenue of \$52,311.00 and total disbursements of \$52,311.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud. The motion carried.
- Commissioner Larson made a motion to appoint Karin Hughes as County Attorney to fill the vacant term which expires on December 31, 2026, effective January 9, 2025, at a salary of \$120,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. During the discussion, Paulson explained that Hughes has been serving as assistant county attorney and interviewed very well. Hughes will be replacing Kathryn Lorschach, who was appointed by Governor Walz as a judge for the Ninth Judicial District. Following the discussion, the motion carried.
- Commissioner Larson made a motion to authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the labor agreement between AFL-CIO, Local 922 (Social Workers) and Clearwater County effective January 1,

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Brayden Needham wins Clearbrook-Gonvick spelling bee

Courtesy Michelle DeVries

The district spelling bee for Clearbrook-Gonvick was held on Thursday, January 9, in the school gym in front of an enthusiastic audience. Participants were winners of the grades 5-8 classroom spelling bees. Those competing were Karen Beaulieu (5), Jase Iverson (5), Wyatt Brandt (6), John-Henry De-foe (6), Brayden Needham (7), Brynleigh Samson (7), Allie Olson (8), and Tesa Vettleson (8). The competition lasted 23 rounds, with the winning word of “goatee.” The winners were: Allie Olson, third place - \$25; Tesa Vettleson, second place-\$50; and Brayden Needham, first place-\$100.

Brayden Needham will compete in the regional spelling bee held on February 5, 2025,

at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. The top speller from this competition will advance to the final competition in Maryland in May.

A special thank you to our judges Sharon Johnson and Denise Disrud and to the Clearbrook Community Club for the donation of the cash prizes.



Clearbrook-Gonvick district spelling bee winners: Second Place-Tesa Vettleson; First Place- Brayden Needham; Third Place-Allie Olson

Gonvick City council has organizational meeting

The Gonvick City council met on Thursday, January 9. The new mayor and council members took their oath of office. Sue Sims is the new mayor taking over for Kory Solberg who did not file again. Also taking over the position that Sue Sims had on the council is Adam Burman who was elected to take that position. The oaths of office were read and the meeting was open to visitors.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson brought up issues and concerns from his department. The City of Gonvick had three areas that accounted for the most calls to the sheriff's office. They included Animal Related, Medical and Traffic Stops.

County wide the office took in 7,852 calls with 150 originating from Gonvick. There has been

a sharp decrease in burglaries with only 9 reported last year in the county. The highest was in 2020 during Covid when there were 60 reported. They lost four deputies last year. One retired, one moved to another state and two took other jobs. They have hired 3 back and they will be full staff when the last one is hired. The state had a drone program that they applied to and received two drones. One was very helpful in locating a lost person. They have two staff that are trained to use when it becomes necessary.

There were 338 jail bookings this past year. The average daily attendance is 19. They are short staffed in the department and there has been a lot of overtime with the 24/7 staffing.

He stated that the department was under budget for the

year.

Police report from Ryan Sollee included 14 records for the month. They included: 911 Hang Up 1; Animal Related 1; Crimes Against Family 2; Disturbance 2; Medical 3; Traffic Complaint 1; Traffic Stop 1; Vehicle Lock Out 1 and Welfare Check 2.

The 2025 annual appointments were made for the council members, Maintenance Dan Johnson and Clerk Stacy Halvorsen.

Fire Chief Cody gave his report. During the last month they had 2 Medical Calls, 1 Work Activity night. Engine 1 was fixed by Great Plains Fire and now passes all the tests. Austin Kin-

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The current Art Studio Leadership Team includes Tracy Juve, Juleigh Prosser, Becky Dorman, Janie Walker and LeAnne Walberg.

Announcing Local Art Club

Remember how much fun it was, when you were a kid and part of a club? Hanging out with others who shared your hobbies, desires and passion for accomplishing similar goals. This is the new vision for our local community art studio in Gonvick.

Over the past decade, amazing art studios have been built with grant dollars, local con-

tributions and lots of volunteer hours. We are excited to announce the new Art Club! Where members of the community create art projects together. Perhaps learning a new art form or skill from a local or visiting artist, or a fun place to get together with other Art Club members and create the newest Pinterest phenomena. Building and strengthening so-

cial bonds through the creation of art.

Rural areas have disproportionately less access to art activities, events and education. Art is scientifically proven to improve creativity by building new neuro pathways in our brains, promotes and strengthens problem solving abilities,

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Community Calendar

Notice of all school reunion meeting

A meeting of the “All School Reunion 2025” committee is planned for 4-6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22nd at the Clearbrook Community Center Legion meeting room. Your attendance is needed whether you are alumni or an interested community member. The event is planned for June 25-29, 2025. Please plan to attend to learn more about event planning, fundraising and opportunities for involvement.

Calendar winners

Calendar Winners for the Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle for the Month of January. Each win \$100.

1-13-25 - James Anderson - Clearbrook

Jigsaw Puzzle contest fundraiser

There will be another Jigsaw Puzzle Contest Fundraiser on Sunday January 19th. It will be held in the Clearbrook Community Center Legion room from 1 to 3 pm or later if needed. The event is to raise funds for the All School reunion coming up this summer in Clearbrook. Limit is 16 teams with a cost of \$40. Teams of 2 to 4 people to compete to finish a 500 pice puzzle in the shortest amount of time. Contact Darci Hagen at 218-280-5866 for more information or to register your team.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

It's Tuesday afternoon at two, which means Clarice Devon is on her way to the Curl Up 'N Dye beauty salon. It's like the sun coming up or the price of bread increasing. Tuesday. Two. Clarice.

“Clarice!” yells Fran. “Ready to be beautiful?”

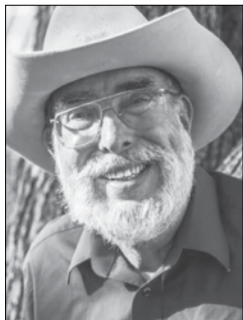
“Sure,” she said. “I enjoy lost causes.”

Clarice Devon is one of our angels. She's one of the few people in town who will tolerate old people and shut ins, and she not only takes care of them, but seems to relish it as well.

During the rinse, Fran asks her if she's the one taking care of Mr. Gavin since his stroke. Clarice nods.

“So what's he like to work with these days?”

“It's a now-and-then situation,” Clarice says. “You know ... now and then?”



“I don't understand. You mean it's part time?”

“Nope. Full time. But it's now and then.”

Fran looked puzzled.

Clarice laughed. “It's like this,” she said, imitating old Mr. Gavin's voice.

“Now, when you finish getting me my tea, I'd like a custard, but I'd like it in a glass bowl. A small glass bowl. Then I want you to call and see if my pills are ready. Now if they are, could you pick them up? Then, while you're there, I want to try that toothpaste they talk about on television.”

Fran laughed. “Now and then, huh?”

“Now and then,” Clarice said, smiling as she was attacked by curlers.

Brought to you by “Whimsy Castle,” by Slim Randles. Available from www.amazon.com.

Public Notice Pine Lake near Gonvick, MN Notice to Operate Aeration System

An aeration system creating thin ice and open water shall be in operation on the Northeast portion of Pine Lake near the public access. This site is located in the SW¼ Section 22, Pine Lake Township, Clearwater County.

Please use caution as open water and thin ice conditions can fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of marked area!

If you have any questions, please contact Sportsman's Club member Larry Peterson at 218-791-5577 or the Red Lake Watershed District office at 218-681-5800.

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Health Screenings & Foot Care/Nail Service Beginning January 2025

Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center (CLSC) was awarded a grant last fall from the Otto Bremer Trust Fund, to provide services for our members and older community residents. All the planning is now complete and we are excited to announce that Health Screenings will be available beginning this month, on Wednesday January 22, 2025 from 10 am- 12 pm, on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a sign in sheet when you arrive, that will be used to track the order of service provided.

We have partnered with Clearwater County Health Department in providing these essential services for our seniors (age 55+). A registered nurse will measure your body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure, pulse ox level, and observe heart and lung sounds. Recording all readings on a convenient take home card for future reference and/or sharing. We have considered having a

scale available for weight measurement, looking for feedback on whether this would be a desired optional measurement.



Additional Health Screenings are scheduled for February 5, February 19, March 5 and March 19, 2025 at 10am-12pm.

The care of our toenails can present a challenge as we get older. Our second offered service in collaboration with Clearwater County Health Department Nursing staff is for Foot care and nail service. Our first service offering (no cost) will be Thursday January 23, 2025 between 1pm- 3pm. This service is by appointment only. You will be required to register either on-site at CLSC or via email to ClearbrookSeniorCenter@gmail.com.

Each scheduled Foot Care Day has 4 appointment opportunities. If more than 4 members request service, a random drawing will be held to determine which members will hold the appointment times for that date. You will be contacted the week prior to confirm your appointment and arrival time. To allow for all interested members to take advantage of this new complimentary service, please only request service once every 3 months. Exception: appointments are still available 1 week prior. We appreciate your patience as we work through the process. If an appointment is not available and you require more immediate attention, Clearwater County Public Health offers this same service at their office in Bagley for \$25 per session, please call 218-694-6581.

Additional Footcare days are scheduled for: February 6, February 19, March 6 and March 19, 2025 1pm- 3pm by appointment ONLY. Please register onsite at CLSC or via email. We are looking forward to the opportunity to provide these new and much needed no cost services to our older community members. Watch for more exciting grant activities coming soon!

Greenwood Township Notice

The Greenwood Town Board will meet at the home of the Treasurer (Petterson) on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Business includes reorganization, 2024 audit, and regular business.

Sheila Horn, Clerk

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Thank you to
Gonvick Lions,
Santa Claus and
Helpers and neighbors for
useful and delicious food
gifts delivered to our door at
Christmas. What a caring
community we live in.
John & Barb Brooks
Wade & Kelly Klema

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Art Club...

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enhancing out of the box thinking and lessens social isolation and loneliness when performed together in a group setting.

We are officially opening the new Art Club in January 2025. Membership will be for adults 18 years of age and up. Annual membership is \$300, and will include unlimited studio access, member access to calendars and supplies for planned and spontaneous projects agreed upon by Art Club Leadership and members. The current Art Studio Leadership Team (LeAnne Walberg, Becky Dorman, Juleigh Prosser, Tracy Juve and Janie Walker) will be implementing club design, framework and project possibilities throughout 2025. We invite you to come join us for fun, creating and exploring the possibilities together.

If you have interest or ideas in the Art Club and its exciting inaugural year, please reach out to us at artstudio@clearwaterslife.org. We look forward to creating amazing things together!

County board...

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2025 – December 31, 2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dukek. The motion carried.

The following motions were made and approved for annual business items:

- Re-adopt the three-day notice requirement rule.
- Re-adopt Robert's Rules of Order for facilitating board meetings.

- Approved the format of the general meeting agendas.

- Approved Board of Commissioners meeting dates for 2025. A meeting has been added for January 14 at 9 am.

- Approved Department Head/Work Session meeting dates for 2025.

- Authorized the board coordinator to publish a summary of County Board minutes upon approval of the County Board.

- Designated the Leader-Record as the legal newspaper for 2025.

- Authorized the County Engineer to advertise for County Highway projects on the County website.

- Authorized the County Auditor to pay routine bills prior to board approval.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 at 9 am.

City Council...

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dem is the new training officer and Logan LeClair is the new Secretary. Rude was named as chief again this year.

They have had calls to be put on the CPR training class that they will be offering. The date has changed and they will let those know.

The department is working on a five year planning and they hope to raise \$120,000 for projects in the next five years. They have received a quote on fixing the old part of the roof on the fire department building. They asked for a sloped roof and they are looking for a quote on a flat roof as well.

They will be hosting township officers the last Tuesday in February. They went up 5% this year on the contracts.

They will be going to Detroit Lakes for fire training.

Plans are to burn the Catholic Church in Trail this winter or spring.

Maintenance issue with Dan Johnson includes the well repair. They will have Their Well Company from Spicer come to check out what needs to be done with the second well.

The council approved the contract with the Clearwater County Attorney Agreement for another year. Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach was appointed as a judge and who ever takes her place will be the one for the city.

The council approved the fireworks contract. There is plans to have fireworks during the time of the 2025 Gonvick-Trail All School Reunion and Gonvick Rodeo July 11th through July 14.

A request was granted to have a bench memorial at the community center. Plans will be sent as they proceed.

Expenditures were approved with \$3,189.46 for Water and Sewer, \$33,424.23 for General and \$4,724.69 for Fire for a total of \$41,338.38.

March for Life on January 18

The Clearwater County chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be hosting the annual March for Life on Saturday, January 18 starting at the Clearwater County Courthouse at 9:30-begin the march at 9:45. Positive home

made signs welcome! We will walk to St. Joseph's Catholic Church (or meet us there, 215 Central St, at 10:00). Our speaker this year is Don Paulson, co-executive director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life who will bring us the most up to date pro life news going on in our state.



ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7
Sun., Jan. 19 - noon with Pastor Mark Kindem

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: January 13-19, 2025
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting; 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM Confirmation
Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM; Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Clearbrook Site:

256 2nd Ave., SW

Restore It! Furniture Shop always has new pieces – stop in to see what's available today.

Perks for PrimeWest Health members at CWLC! As a PrimeWest health member, you have access to the Weight Room, including weight training 3 days a month, Counseling services and Transportation for FREE! You can also come in to the office for a \$25 voucher to Shop at the Top. Call the office at 218-776-2789 with any questions.

Weight Room: We have Gym memberships! Clear Waters Life Center's Weight room has weights, exercise bikes, treadmills and an elliptical. Plus you get access to the gym with Pickleball equipment. Prices can't be beat at \$30.00/month, \$10.00/week or \$5.00/day!

Hurts, Hang-ups, Habits? Celebrate Recovery encourages fellowship, provides hope, and celebrates God's healing power in lives as we work our way along the road to recovery.

Every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

The Youth Connection Program needs Volunteers! Do you have a heart to connect with youth and be part of a team creating a safe and fun place for them to come after school? Contact Charis Nordlund for more details on how you can join this team. Tuesdays and Thursdays are for 6th – 12th grade students, Wednesdays are for 3rd – 5th grade students.

Gonvick Site:

226 Elm St

The second Monday of each month we have a free cooking class for seniors, although you don't actually have to be a senior to join the class. In each class Angie and Connie will show you how to prep and make a nutritious meal, then sample it.

Create It! Art Studio has new classes coming in 2025! A “Taste of Art” class will be held the 2nd Monday of each month from 12:30-3 pm, giving a sampling of various art mediums and processes. The first class will be Monday, January 13th – Polymer Clay Creations. The cost is \$15, which includes supplies. You can register on our website, www.clearwaterslife.org.

Mentors are also on site every Monday from 10 am – 3 pm, to give guidance on a project or just to cheer on your creativity.

Join a fun group of people playing Pickleball in the Gonvick Gym! They play Mondays 9:30 am - 7:30 pm, Wednesdays 9am-3pm, Thursdays 9am - 6pm and Fridays 9am-3pm. Cost is \$5 per day, \$20 per month or \$200 for a year-long membership!

For more information on our programs & services, visit our website: www.clearwaterslife.org. Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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Clearbrook
Pastor Randy Reimer
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Quilting. 5 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Awana.
Call for information. 218-776-3252.
Every Wednesday - 5 PM Adult Bible Study... 6:30 PM Awana.
Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merse
Wed, Jan. 15: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.
Sun, Jan. 19: 9:45 a.m. Nazareth Worship followed by annual meeting/dinner. St. Petri/Annual Meeting and Meal. Livestream at St. Petri and Oak Park, Oak Park SS at 8:45 a.m.
Wed, Jan. 22: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 19: No 9 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Lund Worship with Annual Meeting after service.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd

Wed. Jan. 15th 6pm Confirmation at Faith, Bagley (7th – 9th Grade)

Sun., Jan. 19 - 10:00am Coffee Hour. Service Group 5 meets 11:00am Worship Noon Annual Meeting with lunch to follow. Note time change

Tues. Jan. 21 - 5:30pm Bible Study

Wed. Jan. 22 - 6pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th-9th Grade)

Our Savior's
Wed. Jan. 15th 6pm Confirmation at Faith, Bagley (7th – 9th Grade)

Thurs. Jan. 16 2pm WELCA, 6pm Council Meeting

Sun., Jan. 22 - 9:00am Worship - note time change 10:00am Coffee Hour

Wed. Jan. 22 - 6pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th-9th Grade)

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor - Brad Binder
Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery & Jr. Church during sermon time) 6:00 p.m. Youth Night (Most Sundays)

Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick district spelling bee contestants: Brynleigh Samson, Brayden Needham, Tesa Vettleson, Karen Beaulieu, John-Henry Defoe, Allie Olson, Wyatt Brandt (not pictured-Jase Iverson). Photo courtesy of Michelle DeVries

BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Jan. 15 Pepperoni Stromboli, Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Baked Chips
Thurs. Jan. 16 - Cheese-Pizza, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Rice

With articles submitted by the staff, administration and students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior and Senior High Schools

Krispy Bar
Fri. Jan. 17- Chili Cheese Fritos, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Cereal Bar
Mon. Jan. 20 - NO School
Tues. Jan. 21 - Taco in a Bag with Fixings, Black Bean Salsa, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Cheeze It Crackers
Wed. Jan. 22 - Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Tiger Bites

Notice
The first semester of the school year will end next Friday, January 17th!
Please make sure your child is caught up on assignments and any necessary tasks before the semester wraps up.
Let's finish strong!



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners from January 10th! Front: Will Severson and Nate Defoe. Back: Ms. Marsh, Audrey Conley, Arianna Baanrud, Brayden Benson, Hunter Dahlke, and Melynda Zurhorst.



Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick 3rd - 6th grade December Student of the Month winners: CeeAnn Defoe, Carter Hagen, Sienna Flateland, Sienna Brandt, Victoria Vasend, and Clifford Conner. Not pictured: Willow Petersen and Piper Bakke

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. This month, I will recap the activity in Clearwater County for 2024. This information is important because it provides an overview of the public safety activities and challenges faced by Clearwater County. It highlights the decline in major crime, the volume and types of calls for service, the distribution of law enforcement efforts by the Sheriff's Office and jail. I want to thank citizens that have called our office to report suspicious activity as this allows us to stay on top of potential criminal activity. Public safety is truly a community effort.

Last year, there was a total of 7,852 calls for service countywide. That number is up from a total of 7,123 in 2023. Calls for service spiked in 2020 during Covid with 8,793 calls. Last year's number was the third highest in the past ten years
Deputies in Clearwater County responded to 4,399 of the 7,852 calls for service last year. A breakdown of calls responded to by deputies show 62 theft calls, 7 burglaries, 33 assaults, 23 domestic assaults and 121 crimes against family calls. The crimes against family calls include child protection and vulnerable adult cases. These numbers were down from last year, some being at all-time lows.

Other law enforcement

agencies working in our county include the Bagley, Clearbrook/Gonvick and White Earth Police Departments as well as the Minnesota State Patrol. I do not have access to the State Patrol numbers so they will not be reflected here. A breakdown of calls responded to by the other agencies within their respective jurisdictions are as follows: Bagley - 1,384 calls, Clearbrook/Gonvick - 194 calls and White Earth - 387 calls. In addition to law enforcement activity, there were also 92 fire calls as well as 629 medical calls.

As usual, our first responders were kept busy last year serving our county. A look at where the most activity took place shows that the City of Bagley had the largest number with 2,709 calls followed by Coopley Township with 636, North LaPrairie Township with 481, the City of Clearbrook with 460, and Shevlin Township with 318.

Our jail was also busy last year. We had a total of 338 bookings and held for a total of twelve different agencies. Clearwater County inmates made up the highest percentage of inmates accounting for 97%. Most inmates were unsentenced (83%), meaning they were waiting for a resolution of their criminal charges. The majority of inmates were male, making up 84%.

Staffing was by far the biggest struggle we faced in 2024. We had four deputies leave our agency last year. One retired, one moved out of state and two others went to surrounding agencies. We have hired three back and will look to hire the last deputy shortly to bring us back to full strength.

Our jail has also faced the same struggle. The jailers are also dispatchers and their title is Communication Correction Officers (CCO). We are still 4-5 full-time CCO's short and are always in need of part-time staff. Our dispatch received more than 3,000 911 calls and either made or received another 40,000 non-emergency calls.

A positive addition to our office last year was the start of a drone program. We were fortunate to receive a grant through Greater NW EMS to start this program. The grant provided two drones, one with infrared capability. The drones have been useful and successful in search and rescue operations which is a great asset for our county. Currently, we have two deputies that are certified as drone pilots and more will be certified in the near future.

I hope this 2024 snapshot of what occurred in our county is beneficial to the public by providing a better understanding of activity responded to by our first responders and which areas of the county saw the most activity. We continue to work diligently to provide the best service to the residents of Clearwater County and those who visit here. I, again, want to thank the public for your support and kindness shown to us throughout the year. We stand ready to serve the citizens of Clearwater County.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.

Sanford Bemidji & Bagley implement visitor restrictions

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Due to a recent rise in respiratory illnesses within the region, Sanford Bemidji Medical Center and Sanford Bagley Medical Center will implement updated visitor restrictions. Sanford is enacting these guidelines to protect patients and employees from potentially catching and spreading illness. Visiting hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Visitor restrictions will be effective at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8. Sanford Bemidji and Sanford Bagley hospitals will put in place the following restrictions for all visitors:

Four visitors are allowed to visit per day.

•It is recommended that only two visitors are in the room at a time.

•All minor visitors must be accompanied by an adult.

• One visitor may spend the night as an emotional support person.

People who are ill or showing symptoms should not visit.

•Visitors recently exposed to a respiratory illness and/or visiting a patient with a respiratory illness must always wear a mask.

•All Sanford Health locations encourage patients to wear a mask if they are showing signs of respiratory illness or have COVID-19.

Special Care Nursery Visitors:

•No more than two people may visit at one time—one of the two people must be a parent/caregiver who is wearing an infant identification band.

•All visitors must be 6 years old or older and always wear a mask in the nursery. Visiting time will be limited to 15 minutes.

Visiting COVID-19 patients in isolation:

•Visitors should be kept to a minimum.

•Visitors should be aware that they can be at risk of COVID exposure while visiting a COVID-positive patient.

•Visitors should only visit the patient room and limit their time spent in other locations within the facility.

•Visitors must continue to always mask while in the facility, including when visiting areas such as the cafeteria or gift shop.

•Visitors should wear a mask when around others for 10 days after their visit and watch for symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

Students named to Dean's List

The University of Minnesota Crookston announces students who were named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List which was recently released by the Office of the Registrar. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Students named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List include the following:

Clearbrook, Aiden Carter Churness, Management BS

Leonard, Presley Ann Westrum, Early Childhood Education BS, Elementary Education Major.

About UMN Crookston

One of five campuses in the University of Minnesota System, the University of Minnesota Crookston cultivates curiosity by engaging students in hands-on learning connecting theory to practice. As the experienced leader in delivering education online, the Crookston campus offers a distinctive learning environment providing personal attention and mentorship to develop leaders, lifelong learners, and engaged citizens. Visit U of M Crookston at umcrookston.edu.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION
OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF
THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN
THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS
NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
default has occurred in conditions of
the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE:
June 28, 2021
MORTGAGOR: Matthew James
Olson, a single man.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
as nominee for Fairway Independent
Mortgage Corporation its successors
and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF
RECORDING:
Recorded June 30, 2021 Clearwater
County Recorder, Document No.
A178697.

ASSIGNMENTS OF
MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S.
Bank National Association. Dated
July 22, 2022 Recorded July 22,
2022, as Document No. A181016.

TRANSACTION AGENT:
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S
MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER ON MORTGAGE:
100392411208365968

LENDER OR BROKER AND
MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR
STATED ON MORTGAGE: Fairway
Independent Mortgage Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
SERVICER: U.S. Bank National
Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY
ADDRESS: 124 McDougal Avenue
Northwest, Bagley, MN 56621

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 23.030.1300
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY:

That part of the East Half of the
West Half of the Northeast Quarter
(E½ of W½ of NE¼), Section Thirty
(30), Township One Hundred Forty-
seven (147), Range Thirty-seven
(37), described as follows: Beginning
at a point on the West line of the East
Half of the West Half of the Northeast
Quarter of Section 30, Township
147, Range 37, hereinafter referred
to as "said tract"; thence North 500
feet North of the Southwest corner of
"said tract"; thence East 70 feet
parallel with the South line of "said
tract" to the point of beginning;
thence continue East and parallel
with the South line of "said tract"
100 feet; thence North and parallel
with the West line of "said tract"
150 feet; thence West and parallel
with the South line of "said tract",
100 feet; thence South and parallel
with the West line of "said tract",
150 feet, more or less, to the point
of beginning.

Clearwater County, Minnesota
Subject to and together with
easements of record.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY
IS LOCATED:
Clearwater

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
OF MORTGAGE:
\$37,535.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED
TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF

NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF
ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:
\$39,918.97

That prior to the commencement of
this mortgage foreclosure proceeding
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
complied with all notice requirements
as required by statute; That no action
or proceeding has been instituted at
law or otherwise to recover the debt
secured by said mortgage, or any
part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of
sale contained in said mortgage,
the above described property will
be sold by the Sheriff of said county
as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:
January 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's
Office, 213 North Main Avenue,
Bagley, MN to pay the debt then
secured by said Mortgage, and
taxes, if any, on said premises,
and the costs and disbursements,
including attorneys' fees allowed by
law subject to redemption within six
(6) months from the date of said sale
by the mortgagor(s), their personal
representatives or assigns unless
reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN
Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE
PROPERTY: If the real estate is an
owner-occupied, single-family
dwelling, unless otherwise provided
by law, the date on or before which
the mortgagor(s) must vacate the
property if the mortgage is not
reinstated under section 580.30 or
the property is not redeemed under
section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on
July 29, 2025, unless that date falls
on a weekend or legal holiday, in
which case it is the next weekday,
and unless the redemption period is
reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat.
Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED
FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON
MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED
BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION
BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE
MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS,
MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS
IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED
UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES,
SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT
THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE
IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL
DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE
UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED
IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,
AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: November 26, 2024
U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of
Mortgagee
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE &
BARBEE, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee
of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
19 - 24-005912 FC

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COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT
COLLECTOR.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF
THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN
THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS
NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
default has occurred in conditions of
the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE:
December 22, 2020
MORTGAGOR: Henry J.
Hongerholt, an unmarried person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc., as nominee for Riverwood Bank
its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF
RECORDING:
Recorded December 28, 2020
Clearwater County Recorder,
Document No. A177474.

ASSIGNMENTS OF
MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PNC
Bank, National Association. Dated
August 22, 2024 Recorded August
23, 2024, as Document No. A184611.

TRANSACTION AGENT:
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S
MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER ON MORTGAGE:
101372100032729182

LENDER OR BROKER AND
MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED
ON MORTGAGE: Riverwood Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
SERVICER: PNC Bank, National
Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY
ADDRESS: 22601 US 2, Bagley,
MN 56621

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 03.025.0520
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY:

CLEARWATER COUNTY,
MINNESOTA: THAT PART OF
THE NE1/4 OF NW1/4, SECTION
25, TOWNSHIP 147, RANGE 37,
LYING NORTH OF THE EXISTING
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY
IS LOCATED: Clearwater

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
OF MORTGAGE: \$101,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED
TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF
NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF
ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:
\$83,520.87

That prior to the commencement of
this mortgage foreclosure proceeding
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

complied with all notice requirements
as required by statute; That no action
or proceeding has been instituted at
law or otherwise to recover the debt
secured by said mortgage, or any
part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of
sale contained in said mortgage,
the above described property will
be sold by the Sheriff of said county
as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:
February 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office,
213 North Main Avenue, Bagley,
MN to pay the debt then secured
by said Mortgage, and taxes, if
any, on said premises, and the
costs and disbursements, including
attorneys' fees allowed by law subject
to redemption within twelve (12)
months from the date of said sale
by the mortgagor(s), their personal
representatives or assigns unless
reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN
Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE
PROPERTY: If the real estate is an
owner-occupied, single-family
dwelling, unless otherwise provided
by law, the date on or before which
the mortgagor(s) must vacate the
property if the mortgage is not
reinstated under section 580.30 or
the property is not redeemed under
section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on
February 5, 2026, unless that date
falls on a weekend or legal holiday,
in which case it is the next weekday,
and unless the redemption period is
reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat.
Secs. 580.07.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED
FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON
MORTGAGE: None

Dated: December 5, 2024
PNC Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of
Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE &
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R40-45C

Wayne Johnson celebrates 90th birthday



To our Family and Friends
THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL
Thank you for all the wonderful birthday wishes and
for all that came out to celebrate with us. We feel blessed
beyond measure. Wayne and Darlene Johnson



Wayne Johnson with his sister, Lynn who came from
Minneapolis and brother Rick of Clearbrook. They are the
3 still living of the 8 siblings.



Wayne Johnson with his graduation picture from Clear-
brook High School in 1954 and with his hunting gear.



90 years young birthday celebration honoring Wayne Johnson on January 4th, at the Clearbrook community center,
with many family, friends and coming out to celebrate with him.

LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Thomas P. O'Meara,
Decedent
Court File No. 15-PR-24-593
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of
Descent has been filed with this
Court. The Petition represents that
the Decedent died more than
three years ago, leaving property in
Minnesota and requests the probate
of Decedent's last Will (if any), and
the descent of such property be
determined and assigned by this
Court to the persons entitled to the
property.

Any objections to the Petition
must be filed with the Court prior to
or raised at the hearing. If proper,
and no objections are filed or raised,
the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is
further given, that the Petition will
be heard on February 19th, 2025 at 1:00
p.m., by this Court at 213 Main Ave.
N, Bagley, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all
interested persons (MINN. STAT. §
524.1-401) and persons who have
filed a demand for notice pursuant
to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-
204.

2. Notice shall be given by
publishing this Notice and Order as
provided by law and by:

☑ Mailing a copy of this Notice
and Order at least 14 days prior to
the hearing date.

Dated: 1/8/2025
(COURT SEAL)
BY THE COURT
Eric P. Schieferdeciker,
Judge of District Court

Dated: 1/8/2025
Carissa Scholz
Court Administrator
By: Kaitlyn Engelmeyer, Deputy

Court Administrator
Attorney for Petitioner
Ashley M. Boomgaarden
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Fosston, MN, 56542
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R44-45C

LEGAL NOTICE

2024 Minnesota Summary Budget - Gonvick

	2023 Original	2023 Final	2024 Proposed
Revenues			
Property Taxes (Do not Include Market Value Credits)	\$136,920	\$136,920	\$141,027
Tax Increments	\$0	\$0	\$0
All other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses and Permits:	\$1,825	\$1,825	\$1,825
Federal Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Purpose Aid (Market Value Credits, etc.)	\$96,930	\$96,930	\$105,370

State Categorical Aid (state aid for streets, etc.)	\$12,288	\$12,288	\$12,500
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services	\$68,043	\$68,043	\$73,045
Fines and Forfeits:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest on Investments	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$8,100
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$60,150	\$60,150	\$52,133
Total Revenues	\$3800,000	\$380,000	\$394,000

Proceeds from Bond Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$394,000

	2023 Original	2023 Final	2024 Proposed
Expenditures			
General Government (Board, administration, etc.)	\$103,200	\$103,200	\$108,200
Public Safety	\$113,995	\$113,995	\$124,500
Streets and Highways	\$114,224	\$114,224	\$108,725

(excluding construction)			
Sanitation	\$0	\$0	\$0
Human Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation	\$37,581	\$37,581	\$37,300
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0
Economic Development	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$15,275
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$394,000
Debt Service-principal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Streets and Highways	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Uses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers to Other Funds (include Enterprise Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$394,000

Fund Balance
This city is reporting on a Cash Basis for 2024.
(Fund Balance information is not required.)

	2023 Original	2023 Final	2024 Proposed
Property Tax Levy			
Total Property Tax Levy-	\$136,920	\$136,920	\$141,027
All Funds			
Investments Gain/Loss			
Net Unrealized Gain (or Loss) from Investments for 2023			\$0
Cash Balance			
General Fund Ending Cash Balance (Dec 31, 2023)			\$822,268
R44C			

Clearwater County
Humane Society

Annual meeting of the
Clearwater County Humane
Society to be held at the Bagley
Legion Hall on February 18th
2025 at 6pm.

Open to the Public to at-
tend.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 15-PR-24-557
In Re: Estate of
Charles William Solomon Jr. aka
Charles W. Solomon Jr., Charles
Solomon Jr.
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

Anita Marie Solomon ("Petitioner")
has filed a Petition for Determination
of Descent.

It is Ordered that on February
19th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., a remote
hearing will be held in this Court on
the petition.

The petition represents that the
Decedent died intestate more than
three (3) years ago leaving property
in Minnesota. The petition requests
the Court determine the descent of
such property and assign the property
to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must
be raised at the hearing or filed with
the Court prior to the hearing. If the
petition is proper and no objections
are filed or raised, the petition will
be granted.

BY THE COURT
Dated:
January 2, 2025
Kurt Marben
Judge of District Court

Dated:
January 2, 2025
Carissa Scholz
Court Administrator
By: Kaitlyn Engelmeyer, Deputy

Jayne Sykora
MN #: 390272
Sykora & Santini PLLC
212 3rd Avenue N, Suite 504
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

R43-44C



A Love for Frost

by Ann Marie Newman
I love frost. Robert Frost the poet, and winter frost. We get a lot of it here, gifting freezing winter days with gorgeous, sparkly icing all about. I've put coat, hat, boots, and mittens over my pajamas on many a morning to wander outside our home snapping photos. The neighbors haven't complained...yet. Frost in this northland is robust! It owns everything it touches with Olympian zeal.

Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer
Logan LeClair
logan.leclair@co.clearwater.mn.us
Office 218-694-6618 • Fax 218-694-6181

Year End Review

Hello Clearwater County! 2024 has come to a close and I thought it fitting to report to you the Veteran Service Offices numbers. Our county currently has roughly 700 Veterans. We also assist countless widows of deceased Veterans. In 2024 the Veteran Service office had 424 face to face visits with Veterans or dependents. Our county service office has increased in activity from 2019 onward. In essence we are getting busier, at the same time we have less Veterans in the county now as compared to 2019. I equate this to the public trusting our county services more and more. For that trust you have placed in me, I say thank you.
Another topic, arguable most important, the county has seen suicides on the rise. This is not solely Veterans but affects them as well. We have seen a string of suicides across the county from November onward. The reality of a cold winter with less sunlight and oth-



Fog's Wintery Gift

By Ann Marie Newman, 2025
Fog doddered in slow & obese as the day turned off the light. Morning arrived

sluggish and dawdling. A new day with a dull bulb. Aspirin was ordered. Coffee and a waffle. I returned to gaze out kitchen window. Look! Old codger Fog gifted and surprised with his obstinate son this new day. Frost! Spiky-haired, willful and coolly proud, glitzed the pine needles, naked twigs, branches. Frost! Dolled up the wrinkled and old maid crab apples still residing on their trees of birth. Frost! Chilly rebel, lucent, and dazzling, greets this gloom-some day with contrary defiance. There's another kind of frost. The type that clings to walls inside of homes where people, feeling grumpy with one another, said unkind words. Winter isolation, being cooped up together for too long, can produce this frost. Janet Knutson's poetic words mention it with a gentle reminder to "try and be a little nice".

WALKING ON ICE

By Janet Knutson, 2025
The frostiness within the room today is evident. Hard words were said, and they were not Heaven sent. Now, we must try to be a little nice. Carefully, we talk as tho, we are walking on thin ice.

Tuesday Whist Club Awards Ben Vorderbruggen

By Pamela French
Each week on Tuesday afternoon's for the last two years, the Bagley Senior Center has hosted the Tuesday Whist Club.
On January 7, 2025 Ben Vorderbruggen was recognized for a score of 77. By the look on his face, he was surprised by the acknowledgment.
Under the format of the weekly tournaments at the se-

nior center, this score is virtually unheard of. There are 6 rounds, each round is 4 games. Partners change each round and players could end up playing 3-handed (Widow Whist).
Ben's score would have to be over 12 points in each of the 6 rounds. Vorderbruggen has been playing Whist at the center for about the last year.
Want to get out of the house on Tuesday afternoons? Join the Tuesday Whist Club at 12:30pm. Play lasts until approximately 3:00 -3:30pm. Each player donates \$1.50. The dollar gets donated to the senior center and the .50 is for the first and second place player each week. This is a very friendly group of people, newcomers are always welcome, and light refreshments are served.
Winners for January 7 were Bob Agnew-first place and Lonnie Prestby-second!



Ben Vorderbruggen was recognized with a plaque.

Grant to Improve Digital Literacy in Older Adults

Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center (CLSC) is excited to share they are the recipient of a national grant to promote Digital Literacy in Older Adults. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) in collaboration with AT&T developed this opportunity for rural areas.
Beginning in 2025, there

Highway Department

The main objective of the Clearwater County Highway Department is the construction and maintenance of County Highways and Bridges. The goal of the Highway Department is to ensure that the roadways and bridges are designed according to Federal and State guidelines, constructed according to the contract specifications and properly maintained to ensure the safety of the traveling public.
The highway system under the jurisdiction of Clearwater County is composed of:
326 miles of County State Aid Highways
105 miles of County Roads
74 structures on the state bridge inventory list
In addition, the Clearwater County Highway Department provides:
Blading services on approximately 54 miles of township roads
Snow removal services on approximately 189 miles of township roads. Three motor graders and eight tandem axle snowplow trucks are used to remove snow on approximately 620 miles of roads that are serviced by Clearwater County Highway Department.
The main Clearwater County Highway Department office building is located in Bagley, Minnesota. There are two outlying shops within the county located in Alida and Clearbrook.
The staffing of the Clearwater County Highway Department is composed of a Civil Engineer, an Assistant County Engineer, an Engineering Technician, an Accountant, an Engineering Clerk, a Maintenance Foreman, one full time Mechanic, one Sign Technician and 10 Heavy Equipment Operators for a total crew of 18.



are two different opportunities available. The first is a series of free to attend workshops on Internet Basics, Email Basics, Cybersecurity, IOS Devices (IPhone/IPad) and Android Devices. CLSC has collaborated with local organization to expand access to this training and workshops. Currently, there are six workshops scheduled for the first quarter of 2025 at various locations including the Bagley Library, the Bagley Legion and the Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center. Workshop dates and times will be published next week, if you have questions in the interim please send them to ClearbrookSeniorCenter@gmail.com.
The second opportunity is Digital Literacy Office Hours to help with your individual needs, and basic questions on the use of a computer, tablet or phone. We are hosting the Digital Literacy Lab at the Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center on Thursday afternoons. Typi-

cally at 1 pm (or 3 pm when paired with a workshop training) January 1 2025 through April 30, 2025. Specific hours will be posted on the Clearbrook Senior Center Door each week.
This grant has provided us the opportunity to purchase new digital devices for training opportunities, or feel free to bring your own device along. We are grateful to the NCOA and ATT for this opportunity to support Digital Literacy for our Older Adult residents, so they can benefit from the many opportunities available in the digital world. We are grateful to Richard's Publishing for helping us to share this wonderful opportunity. Watch for more details coming soon!



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Someone had made a snowman in the yard in Clearbrook. Seems strange but not many are made anymore. Maybe there has not been enough snow this year.
There have been some loud sounds in the area. The sounds have been "frost quakes." It is known as "Cryoseism" and it comes about with certain weather conditions. It is a warm up that causes melting snow and ice to sink underground that is followed by a rapid drop in temperatures with little snow cover to insulate the ground. The ground fracturing can create a loud boom that sounds like an explosion. It is rare in Minnesota but common in Wisconsin and Michigan.
Dr. Will Anderson will be having his book signing on Tuesday, January 14. It will be held at Four Pines bookstore at 102 3rd St NW in Bemidji from 4 to 6 pm. His book "Last Chance Forgiveness" with lessons on forgiveness will be featured.
Shorty's in Gully will be having Shrimp both Friday and Saturday night with no bingo.
Joke time
Helga was in a restaurant in Fargo when the waitress said to her, "Your husband just slid under the table." Helga replied very nervously, "NO but that is my husband, who is just walking into the restaurant."

Lars had read an article in the local paper. He said that, "at the age of 80, there are six women for every man. What a time to get odds like that?"

Coming events
There will be an All-School reunion in Clearbrook June 26-29, 2025. The committee is getting going and having several meetings. There will be

a mailing going out from classmates in that year.
Mark your calendars for the 2025 Gonvick-Trail All School Reunion and Gonvick Rodeo July 11th through July 14.
We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use.
The Library Link in Gonvick is open three days a week. Check out various items or order what they don't have in stock for you. Or call 218-487-6220 to request something to be ordered for you. Hours are Monday 9 to 11 am, Wednesday 3 to 5 pm and Thursday 3 to 6 pm.
Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus. Rider alert; County wide; 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Bagley: 10 am - 4:30 pm 1st, 3rd Saturday. Bemidji: 2nd, 4th Friday. Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip. Call 800-201-3432.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Jan. 15 - Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit Cup, Cookie.
Thurs. Jan. 16 -Pork Chop, Boiled Potatoes with Gravy, Carrots, Fruit Crisp.
Fri. Jan. 17 - Cook's Choice.
Mon. Jan. 20 - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Beets and Cookie.
Tues. Jan. 21 -BBQ Chicken Breast, Baked Sweet Potato, Green Beans, Spice Cake.
Wed. Jan. 22 - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Carrots, Sherbet.
Meal subject to change. Call 218-776-3154

FROM THE PAST - 2010



Gonvick Legion Auxiliary members in 2010. Back row: Lucille Godtland, Alvina Spencer, Shirley Beckstrand, Dianne Godtland, Eileen Horn, Joan Senger, Vivian Solien, Rosie Rude, Lonny English, Janice Aos, Darlene Sawyer, Louise Sundquist, Fay Bjerke, Evon Quern and Phyllis Stebe. Front Row: Betty Birkeland, Wanda Dyrdaahl, Carole Johnson, Eleanor Sundquist, Jean Sundquist, Ardell Maple, Tippy Berg.
Wednesday, January 15, 2025



Robert, William and Collin making Bird Feeders.

Kids Enjoy Making Bird Feeders

By Pamela French
The Bagley Public Library started 2025 with a class for kids perfect for our current weather conditions. On Saturday, January 11, kids gathered at the library to make Pine Cone Bird Feeders. The library provided all the components needed; pine cones, peanut butter, bird seed and toilet paper centers. Kids could take their bird feeder home and/or hang them around the library.



To the right.
Lexi hanging her bird feeder.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

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2024 Year in Review

February 21, 2024 – The Opera came to Clearbrook-Gonvick School February 5, with 15 students chosen to sing on stage with the cast. Four Clearwater County Veteran received Quilts of Valor, Sid Young, Keith Baumann, Harvey Miller, and Les Heinrichs. On February 17, the 17th annual “Give a Veteran a Lift” benefit concert was held at the Bagley High School Auditorium. Tim Johnson was given a token of appreciation for creating, organizing, and putting the program together for the past 17 years.

We Lost..... Joshua Clyde Rodebush, Keith Hagen

February 28, 2024 – Two new staff were added to Cornerstone Veterinary Service, Dr. Luke Burgess and Dr. Jacqui Hill. World War II Veteran “Gene” Sandberg celebrated his 100th birthday. Pamela Edevold gifted the dancing models of her acrylic paintings, a framed/matted photograph of their painting. She gifted photographs of all 10 paintings, framed and matted, along with narratives to hang at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School.

We Lost..... June Brendalen, Dale E. Hanson, Dorothy Byklum, Evonne Hartel, Yvonne Kush, Timothy Jallen, Wahna J. Smith, Daral Lange.

March 6, 2024 – Devin Aakre took over the Northern Bait and Convenience store in Gonvick! Jessica King became the new billing clerk for the City of Clearbrook! Welcome! Friends in the Kitchen were back with cooking classes starting March 12. Ada public library exhibits Traveling Art show. And Rick Paulin had an art show at the Bagley public library in the Gallery Room.

We Lost..... Carole De Frang, Myron McCollum, Mathew Bagley, Robert Klade, Dean Hanson, Donna Felt.

March 13, 2024 – The Garden Valley Education Foundation presented \$5,000 grants to 9 local schools! The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Ag Sales Team placed 2nd in their region competition and will head to State! A new ATM was installed at the Northern State Bank in Gonvick, available 24 hours! The First Care Medical Services Foundation Community Concert featured the Legendary Johnny Holm Band March 9 at Venture's Bar & Grill in Fosston. It was a sold-out show! Crookston Fire Department received RiverView's Health 2023 Reaching Out to Serve award. Connie Nelson's surgery was a success!

We Lost..... Roger Buchholz, Germaine Berglund, Henry Dunrud, Wanda La Voi, Larry Broin, Randy Finseth, Prestan Marquis.

March 20, 2024 – Les Westrum retires after his many years with the Clearbrook Elevator! Ryan Holm has taken over as Manager for the elevator, introducing himself over cake and ice cream. Donuts with Dads and grandparents, and uncles was a big hit on March 15. Over 500 students attended! We meet the Seniors - Callie Ehresmann, Skylar Ballard, Skye Sunderland, Benjamin Gouge. Clearwater County Food shelf receives donation from the students and staff from Bagley schools. Over 316 pounds of food and \$628.25!! Way to go Bagley!

We Lost..... Roger Smith, L. Dennis Sundberg, Donald Hanson, Arthur Lanman, Dava Olson-Hruby, Linda Hagen, Janet Ann Lian,

March 27, 2024 – Muffins with Mom, grandparents and Aunties was held March 22. Four generations of the Emmel clan were in attendance. Pam Goebel is the new Library Link Coordinator at the Gonvick

site. Stop in for books, books on tape, tapes and DVDs. The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA was honored to receive a donation for \$2,500 from Pioneer Seed.

Meet more Seniors – Trinity Eden Lene, Haley McCoy, Abigail Engen, Presley Westrum.

We Lost..... Cole H. Dyr-dahl, Orley Arneson



Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting:

- Demolition Debris
- Waste Tires
- Major Appliances
- Scrap Metal
- Yard Waste
- Furniture
- Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24
For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us

Clearwater County Environmental Services

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- aluminum cans
- steel food cans
- glass bottles and jars with lids removed
- plastic containers #s 1, 2 and 5
- newspaper and office paper
- clean cardboard

Two drop-off locations, one in Bagley and one in Clearbrook, both at County Highway Department shops.

Mixed recyclables from these locations are sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility in Fosston. Revenue from recyclables sales helps offset tipping fees paid by the County for garbage disposal at the Fosston Incinerator. Please contact Clearwater County Environmental Services at 694-6183 for further information.

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